



RESOLUTION

Preserving The Rincon Heights Historic District Boundaries

Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association wishes to go on record opposing any boundary change to our Historic District, and reaffirms our insistence that the Broadway project respect the historic built environment, not only in Rincon Heights but throughout the Study Area.

In particular, we insist that Contributing Properties to Rincon Heights Historic District that face Broadway be respected and preserved.

This position is consistent with that emerging from five public meetings attended by hundreds of stakeholders, as well as the Broadway Citizens Task Force.

“Improvements” to Broadway will not be genuine improvements if they damage Rincon Heights Historic District or destabilize Rincon Heights neighborhood

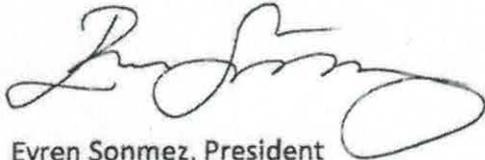
The 1600 and 1700 blocks are particularly sensitive as intact historic bungalows face each other across a roadway that has already been widened, narrowing front yards on both sides of the street. These will require particularly careful handling. Similar conditions obtain further east where Solot Plaza faces the plaza containing Deco.

1601 East Broadway is an individually listable building according to a 2006 COT survey (attached), which stated, “A Broadway landmark for many decades, the rare Tudor Revival Style house at 1601 East Broadway Boulevard is the corner anchor of a row of historic houses along the south side of its block, all worthy of preservation,” and now part of Rincon Heights Historic District. We insist that these irreplaceable historic cultural resources not be sacrificed just because Circle K, across the street to the south, has a reputation for being a tough negotiating partner.

We wish to draw attention to statements by the President’s Advisory Council on Historic Preservation made in the context of the Downtown Motor Hotel episode (attached). These clearly indicate that the Federal government regards adverse effects to even one historic property as an adverse effect to the whole Historic District, which may even damage an adjacent Historic District.

Section 106 and 110k of the National Historic Preservation Act (attached) indicate that adverse effects to historic resources can disqualify a project for Federal assistance. It is widely understood that Federal match money will be necessary to fund the transit component of the Broadway Project. (See excerpts from Pima County High Capacity Transit Study attached.)

Be it therefore resolved this fourteenth day of September, 2015, that Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association oppose demolition of our historic Contributing Properties in the Broadway Study Area, and also oppose any change in our Historic District boundary.



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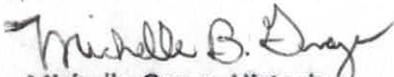
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Attachment

Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act

[16 U.S.C. 470f — Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, comment on Federal undertakings]

The head of any Federal agency having direct or indirect jurisdiction over a proposed Federal or federally assisted undertaking in any State and the head of any Federal department or independent agency having authority to license any undertaking shall, prior to the approval of the expenditure of any Federal funds on the undertaking or prior to the issuance of any license, as the case may be, take into account the effect of the undertaking on any district, site, building, structure, or object that is included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The head of any such Federal agency shall afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation established under Title II of this Act a reasonable opportunity to comment with regard to such undertaking.

Section 110 (k) National Historic Preservation Act

[16 U.S.C. 470h-2(k) — Anticipatory demolition]

(k) Each Federal agency shall ensure that the agency will not grant a loan, loan guarantee, permit, license, or other assistance to an applicant who, with intent to avoid the requirements of section 106 of this Act, has intentionally significantly adversely affected a historic property to which the grant would relate, or having legal power to prevent it, allowed such significant adverse effect to occur, unless the agency, after consultation with the Council, determines that circumstances justify granting such assistance despite the adverse effect created or permitted by the applicant.

Here is Section 7.5 from the PAG High Capacity Transit Study (2009):

<http://www.pagnet.org/documents/transportation/PAGHCTSP-2009-09-FullReport.pdf>

7.5 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING

7.5.1 Conclusions:

The project team concludes the following:

* Broadway Boulevard BRT and 6th Avenue/Nogales Highway BRT projects appear to qualify for Very Small Starts federal funding.

7.5.2 Recommendations:

The project team recommends the following actions for HCT implementation:

Move forward with near-term Broadway Boulevard BRT development as previously recommended.

- * Identify an agency or local government to take the lead in implementation.
- * Establish coordination with FTA Region IX staff.
- * Begin the process of conducting an Alternatives Analysis.
- * Begin the process of including the projects in the RTP.
- * Begin lining up the local match for Very Small Starts.

It shows clear intent to seek federal funds for Broadway transit improvements.